



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Youth Commission

Consider:

Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

5:30 PM

Hybrid meeting: Attend in person
in Room 354 of the City County
Building or virtually via Zoom.

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The public can attend in person in Room 354 of the City County Building.

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In order to testify (provide public comment) virtually, you must be in attendance at the meeting via Zoom or phone, you will then either be unmuted or promoted to a panelist and provided time to speak to the body.

If you want to submit a written comment for this meeting, or send handouts for board members, please send them to: meinen.megan@danecounty.gov

A. Call To Order

Staff present: Megan Meinen

Vice Chair Pletzer called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

- Present** 6 - Vice Chair ASHLEY PLETZER, EMILY MASCIOPINTO, CHRISTINE BENEDICT, Supervisor HENRY FRIES, ISABEL CHIRIBOGA-PINEDA, and VISHNU KATA
- Absent** 3 - MEGHAN BENSON, CHELSEY TUBBS, and Chair PRAGNYA VELLA

B. Consideration of Minutes

2024 MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 20, 2024
MIN-378

Attachments: 2024 1120 Youth Commission Minutes

A motion was made by **BENEDICT**, seconded by **MASCIOPINTO**, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote 6-0.

C. Action Items

None.

D. Presentations

None.

E. Discussion Items

1. West High School Civics Club Voting Initiative

The West High School Civics Club will attend the meeting in February, at which time its members will be told the Commission is willing to draft a Resolution of Support for the County Board’s consideration regarding the Club’s desire to advocate for a constitutional amendment that would lower the voting age to 16 in Wisconsin school board elections. Prior to drafting the resolution, the Commission will seek additional information, including a work plan for how the Civics Club plans to move its initiative forward and evidence of involvement from other schools and districts.

The Commission will also make the Civics Club aware of potential By Youth For Youth (BYFY) grant opportunities in 2026.

2. Youth Commission 2025 Agenda

Commission members would like to investigate potential advocacy opportunities regarding mental health, gun safety and school safety.

The Commission also is interested in supporting the dissemination of Dane County Youth Assessment (DCYA) data, especially to students. Potential options include making a video or creating templates schools can use to share data with students. Libraries will identify what they are doing for youth specifically.

Commission members will hear a By Youth For Youth presentation next month and plan to identify additional focus areas according to the priorities shared by the BYFY group, based on the DCYA data.

3. Ideas for Prioritization/Operationalization of 2025 Agenda

This will be determined following the February meeting.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 19, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. at the City County Building and via Zoom.

1. By Youth For Youth Overview

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None.

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None.

I. Adjournment

A motion was made by FRIES, seconded by KATA, that the Meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote 6-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Megan Meinen pending Commission approval.